

# Roll Call

Airmen: Winning the Fight. Strengthening the Team. Shaping the Future.

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## Answering the Call to the Future

Roll Call! Evolution is inevitable, so we must deliberately move forward. Technology continues to open doors and present opportunities to step beyond the well-trodden paths of the past. As we ***Shape Our Future*** Air Force, we must capitalize on these opportunities to move to the next level - a level that meets the needs of today, but is agile enough to respond to the needs of tomorrow. This is especially true in the education arena.

The science of education is changing before our eyes. Information technology is producing new delivery methods that tailor the pace of study to the students' strengths and weaknesses, ensuring a more effective learning experience. The blended learning approach - combining distance and in-residence learning - takes advantage of these technologies to deliver the highest quality education. It's the approach we're already taking in our Senior NCO Academy, and will soon implement in every NCO Academy.

The distance portion is about the information. Students can take up to a year, moving at their own pace, to learn theories and concepts that expand their understanding of the institutional competencies we need to ***Win the Fight***. The competencies are at the root of the critical thinkers, adaptable leaders and influential innovators we need to lead the world's greatest Air Force.

The in-residence portion goes beyond the books and the tests. It builds on the roots planted in the distance component by combining scenarios, exercises and interaction with fellow Airmen. There is dialogue, leadership reflection and opportunities to seek and receive feedback - everything students need to become more self-aware, deliberate and influential leaders ready and able to ***Strengthen the Team***.

The blended learning approach delivers a higher quality education to all Airmen. The model is used at top universities around the world because it's recognized as the most effective way to educate. We, too, recognize its value and are taking that next step. We are deliberately evolving our professional military education.

Education is and will always be critical to our development. As we look to the dynamic environment of the future, we must capitalize on technologies available today. The doors are open, the well-trodden paths of the past are behind us, opportunities lie ahead...and we are answering the Call to the Future.

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Airman's Roll Call is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors, and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams.